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Box No. I Basis of the report

With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

- pages 1-13 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of
- pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of

the claims:

- pages 14, 15, 17 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 16 received by this Authority on 5 April 2005 with the letter of 5 April 2005
- pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of

the drawings:

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- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-21	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-21	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-21	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Following documents were cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 6411911 B1 (HIRSCH et al) 25 June 2002

D2: WO 1997/041448 A1 (TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON) 6 November 1997

D3: US 4231026 (SULLIVAN) 28 October 1980

None of the above prior art documents discloses a method of battery monitoring wherein a battery voltage measurement is scaled with respect to at least a predetermined end voltage as defined in claims 1-21. The claims meet the criteria set out in PCT Articles 33(2-4).

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12. A method of characterising a battery including:

- a) acquiring a plurality of battery voltage measurements from the battery, the battery voltage measurements including a start voltage and an end voltage;
- b) acquiring a plurality of time measurements, each time measurement being associated with a respective battery voltage measurement, the time measurements including an end time associated with the end voltage;
- c) determining a plurality of scaled voltage values by scaling each battery voltage measurement with respect to the start voltage and the end voltage;
- d) determining a plurality of scaled time values by scaling each time measurement with respect to the end time; and
- e) storing a battery discharge characteristic indicative of the relationship between the scaled voltage values and the scaled time values.

13. A method according to any of claims 1 to 10 wherein the predetermined battery characteristic used in step e) has been obtained by a method according to claim 12.

14. A method according to claim 13 further including the step of obtaining the predetermined battery characteristic by a method according to claim 11.

15. Software for configuring a system to perform a method according to any of the preceding claims.

16. A computer readable medium carrying software according to claim 15.

17. A system configured to implement the method of any of claims 1 to 14, the system including a sensor for acquiring the battery voltage measurements; a timer for generating the time measurements; and a processor for performing steps c) to e).